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And, as she held him fast,
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"You know mee live so fast!"

— Boston Courier, RAIGH SUPPLIES. 国 The New Year.

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As wheat from the grain,
Thickly and quickly
As thoughts through the brain,
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Swift, swift as the lays drop From the glad poetic lips, Boft, soft as the days drop From Time's finger-tips of the many, so many!
Yet no sound from any,
Ob, so fast, ob, so fast!
Yet no track where they passed.
Ob, so fragile, so frail!
Yet no force can prevail
To speed them or stay them.
No prayer can out-weigh them.

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They fail where they must.
Through the fathomiess gray.
And bring to earth's dust
What of heaven they may.

— Union Signal.

The gossips are wondering why I refused him— The catch of the season, who, toothless and A poor wheezy Cresus, asthmatic, dyspeptic Is steeped to the eyebrows in silver and

I let them ascribe to me loftiest motives Well pleased to make capital out of my and no one has guessed that I couldn't accept For the best of all reasons—he didn't pro-

Look at Home. Should you feel inclined to censure Faults you may in others view, Ask your own life, ere you venture, If that has not failings too. Let not friendly vows be broken;

Rather strive a friend to gain; Many a word in anger spoken Finds its passage back again. Domot, then, in idle pleasure Trifle with a brother's fame, Guard it as a vaulted treasure,

Sacred as your own good name. Do not form opinions blindly, Hastiness to trouble tends; Those of whom we thought unkindly Oft become our warmest friends

And one wore rubies on her wrist, A circling flame—
And dwelt with proud thin lips unkist
On heights of fame.

And one wore pearls about her neck Whiter than snow Each perfect orb without a fleck, Seemed born of woe

And one wore diamonds on her breast,
Bright wells of 1 ght;
Whose glory-gleams of swift unrest
Hid her from sight. And one wore emeralds cool and clear, And walked alone, Her love had loved her scarce a year-Beware the stone

And one wore sapphires as she went With love-sad eyes;
The one for whom her love was meant
Dwelt in the skies. The one on whom no gem was set Seemed decked bedight-No hand-wrought gems can cou Love's shining light. A Cold Susp.

Dow, please do't recoped a thig, For really I dread Adother sovereid' rebedy For this co'd id by head. I've dieted a'd feasted, I've guiped down herb-tea, But dothi'g seems to help be, Jib— A-chee—Oh! By! A-chee!

I've tried balsab a'd inecae. l've tried baisab a'd ipecae,
Horehou'd a'd quidide, too.
Yes, there you go,
"Jabaica jidger bedefited you?"
A chee!—good gracious! Thank you,
I took that first, you see,
A'd fidished of rel pepper,
A chee! Great guds! A-chee!

I've sdeezed a'd sdeezed, udtil I feel A'd still, a-chee!—Oh, bisery! There's pie'ty bore to co'b, Each persod has "a certaid cure,"

A'd yet do two agree. I'b just a walk'g drug store, Crabbed bore thad full. A-chee! A'd, Jib, by bead aches fit to spirt. I wouldn't give a red
If 'twas a tooth; I'd pull it.
A-chee!-What? "Pull by head?"

Dow, Jib, you have do sy pathy To talk like that to be, You sca'p, I bust be joggi'g. Good day. A-chee! A-chee!
-M. L. Murdock, in Time,

An Easy Oue. Dear Jess, it seems quite strange to me (Does it seem strange to you?) When we together used to be, We both were twenty-two?

But now we meet (can it be true? I think it o'er and o'er). Eve passed my forty-first and you Are only thirty-four!

I do not know; I do not care
How Fortune's favored you; You look as young as when you were, My dear, at twenty-two.

But this I'd like to know, dear Jess, (For so it now appears)
Why you in age than me are less By more than seven years?

The matron dropped her deep-lashed eyes,

The years pass on in rapid flight — Time neither sleeps nor nods; They come like frequent paragraphs.

All interspersed with quada.
The days drop in like well-filled lines.
The nights like "leads" are thick,
Old time is standing at his "case,"
And filling up his "stick." And now he takes another "take,"

Before his gaze has spread.

So, let the years pass on and on,
Through sunshine and through storms,
Until the foreman calls the hoer
For "locking up the forms."

— A Frinter, in Vankes Blade. ADMIRABLE ADVICE.

REWARE how you get into debt. It is not o casty to get out. CULTIVATE charity She'll sit down on TRUST no secrets to a friend which, if re-

In private watch your thoughts; in the family watch your temper; in company watch your toogue. Ba strictly truthful; avoid exaggeration; if you mean a mile, say a mile, and not a mile and a half, if you mean one, say one

To ass melancholy, set about doing good. One act of kindness will have more influence on the spirit than all the sait-water baths that over were invented.

Nevez expect something for nothing.

Nevez write to a mas or paper who promises you two dollars for one dollar. Never write to men who promise good wages to anybody—every body at home for no work.

The money honestly earned anywhere is earned by hard work, never forget that. Zad Blosson-"My dear, can you let me have a five-dollar bill to-day? Mr. Biobson

have a five-dollar bill to-day! Mr. Blobson—"Ab—um—I would, my dear, with great pleasure, but I was just reading an item which said that infectious diseases are very apt to be communicated through the promiseous handling of bank bills, and you know how precous your health is to me."

Applicant—"Twenty five dollars a week seems a small salary for the hard work of a reporter, sir." Editor—"Perhaps it does, but the field is overcrowded. We refuse applications almost every day. I think you said you had had experience as a newspaper man?" Applicant (with dignity)—"I was principal of a school of journalism for a year." Editor (coldly)—"Yes, sir; we pay afteen dollars a week to beginners."

"Who is your family physician, Freddier asked Mrs. Hendricks of the Brown boy.
"We ain't got none," said the boy. "Pa's a homeopath, ma's an aliopath, sister Jane is homeopath, ma's all the boy. "We ain't predictions of the Bill by and the quark medicin

wiguincant took at her busband)—"Man."

Wire Wirer (looking up from the paper)
—"Dear, what are breadstuffs! Is the
bread I make a breadstuff!" Big Hubby
(absently)—"Yes, darling, your bread's
tough—quite so." The social atmosphere
touches 30 degrees below zero.

Happy Young Husband—"Belle and I get
along very amicably. Not the slightest
coldness has occurred, and we have been
married almost a year." Wise Father— A FULL-BLOODED negro testified in a rich Irish brogue before a Brooklyn court the other day. He was born in Ireland.

A gang of tramps captured at Ventura, Cal., had in their possession over 200 keys of different patterns and no end of clothing. A Chicago paper in trying to refer to "the late lamented," gets it: "The late lieutenant," and what makes it worse is the

A supportation feat never before approached was lately performed on the Clyde. A 5,000-ton steamer for the German line to New York was launched, which had been built in less than four mouths. THE new cruiser Chicago is to have a costly service of silver, to be used when distinguished guests are entertained on board. It is to be a gift from the people of Chicago, who at first thought of giving a

andsome library.
One Collins' death, which occurred lately Vernon County, Mo., is said to have been the result of a voluntary fast of forty-two
days. He was a victim of Bright's disease,
and looked "forward to death as a relief
from great suffering."

A PHRAK has been born in Mackinac Coun-

ty. Mich., in the shape of a girl baby who has two heads—one of the regulation kind on its shoulders, and the other without ears, on its shoulders, and the other without ears, eyes, nose or mouth, on its back. The babe is apparently intelligent and healthy.

Them is a decided movement in West Virginia in favor of changing the name of that State. He promoters as that every State should have a distinct name of its own, as far removed from the name of any other State that no confusion of names can arise. West Virginia is so near like Virginia that the people do not enjoy it. Curionaly

fact that it was a woman.

that the people do not enjoy it. Curiously enough, they all agree that "Kanawha" is the name for the State. JAMES A. STEWART, the newly elected

mayor of Griffin, Ga., is one of the young-est mayors on record, his twenty-second birthday having been celebrated in August last. He is the son of Congressman J. D. Stewart, who was greatly surprised when he heard of his boy's election. Young ne neard of his boy's election. Young Stewart entered the campaign but one day before the election, and received thirty-nine majority over one of the most solid citizens of Griffin. A PERSIAN cat was able to spread scarlet

fever amidst a large community of children in Chicago. This animal had been petted by a sick child, and in its visits to several neighbors' houses it carried the disease with it. Nothing is more natural than that its fur should harbor particles from the patient, and nothing more likely than that these should be wafted through the air every time its fur was stroked.

An old male estrich escaped from the farm at Red Bluff, Cal., and started at lightning speed for the Sacramento river, which he swam, and disappeared in the brush on the opposite shore. After putting in two or three hours roaming around in the undergrowth, he swam the river again and was finally captured seventy miles from where he started, and evidently as fresh as ever, notwithstanding his two baths and little jaunt. Invitations have been issued to the

naritime nations to send delegates to attend an International Maritime conference to meet in Washington on April 17, 1889. The objects of the conference will be to re-vise the regulations concerning vessels at sea, to adopt a uniform system of signals to indicate the direction in which vessels are moving in fog, snow, or thick weather, and at night to convey warnings of approaching storms and other important information and to formulate regulations for the prerention of collisions. The importa the subject is so great it is hoped there will

be a full attendance of delegate HELPS IN HUSBANDRY.

ONE farmer is strong in one direction another is strong where the first one is weak. So, when they put their heads to-gether in the give-and-take process, it is easy to see that both must be improved. Tun most shiftless farmer admits that cornstalks are worth something, for he turns his stock in the field to pasture on them. But the stock packs the soil and in-

jures it more than the weather-beater stuff is worth, unless it is a limestone soil. which will stand a good deal of packing THE matter of labor is the most difficult tem to charge to the farm, as the farm

should be made to pay for all work done in the farm business, not only by the farmer himself but by any member of the family as well as the hired man. The charge for labor must be high enough to include the cost of board, unless other arrangement WHEN putting up wire fences stretch

the wire tightly and see that the corner posts are firmly braced. The corner posts ought not to be less than three feet deep. Cedar posts are preferable to any other. After having tried several varieties of wood for posts, some farmers have found that for durability there are none superior to codar. Posts cut in the summer are none cedar. Posts cut in the summer are more durable than those cut in the winter A PRACTICAL idea is sometimes entertained only in theory, when it might be the very life blood of a successful business if the

details of its consummation were rightly followed out. The farmer who simply followed out. The farmer who simply wishes he were able to grow good stock so as to secure good prices, and thus de business at a handsome profit, is a victim of this theory, if he neglects to devote his knowledge to this purpose.

Ir cows are essential to good farming, what sort of cows shall they be! The proper answer to this question will depend largely on the circumstances in each case. So far as making manure is concerned, and building up the land, one cow is probably just as good as another; but as an investment involving considerable labor and more or less capital, there is all the difference be

or less capital, there is all the difference between cows that there is between a handsome profit and a considerable loss.

EVERY BODY who has observed the habits
of barnyard fowls has noticed how they
will lie down in sunny spots on coid days
and seek the sides of buildings where they
can enjoy the sunshine in its fullest extent.

Every licerty should be given that is possible for the fowls to enjoy a run and the
sunshine wherever they can not have it all sunshine wherever they can not have it all the time. It is a serious disadvantage in raising chickens that they have to be con-fined in buildings at all during good weath-er, when they would be much healthier out in the sun.

in the sun.

Herefore it has been generally recommended to plant for ensilage the large growing Southern varieties of corn on account of the very large amount of fodder they produce. But it has been demonstrated that the ordinary varieties of dent corn are equally as valuable, if not superior. While they may not produce much more than half the bulk of fodder produced by the manmoth varieties, their nutritive value is much higher, they mature carry in the season and the labor of handling the crop is much less, so that in the end they are just as profitable to raise.

"Wno is your family physician, Fredmer asked Mrs. Hendricks of the Brown boy.

borse doctor."

Woman's way—"You should never point, Johnny," said Mrs. Brown, as they left the store. "It's very rude." "But what are you to do, ma, when you don't know the name of the thing?" "Why," she returned, "left the elect show you every thing in the store until be comes to the right one."

As ex-cavalryman has sued the Government for \$220 for aiding in the expture of Jeff, Davis.

**How women be married women. It won't do for us to be miss-represented.

"You say he called you a donkey!" "Yes." "What did you do!" "Nothing." "Yes." "What did you do!" "Nothing." "Well, if a man should call me a donkey!" donkey would naturally do that!"

As ex-cavalryman has sued the Government for \$220 for aiding in the expture of the most remarkable bits in American was examining. "Say that again, and Iti again, again.

married almost a year." Wise Father"Did you ever try to match any trumming
for her?" "No. I haven't." "Then your
experience basa't commenced yet."

MAUD-"And are you really engaged to Mr. Hawkins, Ethel!" Ethel-"Yes. I hardly know whether I love him or not, but he was so earnest that somehow I could not refuse him." Maud—"Yes, I know When I refused him last summer he told me he was going to marry somebody or bust."

"I nave long loved your daughter, sir," he said, "and I would fain make her my wife." "You would shat make her your wife!" demanded the old man, who had knots on his head. "I would fain make her my wife, sir." "Well, I would fain say the nay." with bitter sarcasm. "A young man who uses such language as you do would have to stand his landlord off for the

MR PROFUNDITY sat at the breakfast ta-ble, and, between sips of coffee, discoursed ponderously as follows: "It is the silent forces of nature that are most potent. The silent stream runs deepest; the silent power of solar heat brings forth the flower and grain; the silent moon beaps up the ocean tides, and --and--' "The silent sow gets the most swill," said Profundity's wife, helping out as he hesitated for similes and spilled soft-boiled egg on his maniy

INTERESTING VARIETY.

WOMAN-shares our griefs, doubles our GENEVIEVE WARD, who has retired from the stage, is studying housekeeping.

A YUMA squaw and a Chinaman we recently married in San Bernardino, Cal.

THOMAS SAINT patented a sewing machine in 1760, sixty years before Howe popularized iL In order to reduce the cost of farm fences to the minimum, put up only such as are necessary for practical purposes. The best time for fencing is when other work is not

pressing. SUGAR barrels are no longer wasted. They are bought at second hand and broken up; the staves are then washed, packed in bundles and sent back to the West Indies at a profit, to be rehooped.

THE Czar's railway carriage is absolutely ron-clad. Its great weight is said to be one of the causes of the late wreck when his Majesty, being of great strength, distin-guished himself by bolding up the roof that threatened to crush himself and wife. To DREAM of teeth was considered a warping of some impending disaster, unless you

happened to shape your dream so that the teeth would fall out, when you must gather from that sort of nightmare that you would soon meet your lover, who would propose THE benefits derived from the use of ripe fruit as an article of diet are generally understood, but an English medical journal calls renewed attention to the matter. Ap-ples, pears, plums, apricots, peaches, gooseberries and grapes are spoken of as being as the very summit of excellence as human food, for they possess the essential condi-tions of pleasantness, digestibility, nutri-ency and medicinality. Apples are partic-

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A "SAFETT BICYCLE" for women has been for making illuminated theater posters. A Swiss has invented a musical box which imitates the buman voice and also the trill

A FRENCHMAN has brought out an inven on whereby anybody can play a plano without previous training, by means of a crank and other devices.

A NEW electric invention is electric-lighted spectacles for surgical examination. The rim shuts out other light and a strong beam falls on the spot under examination.

THE occupation of the hand shearer of sheep is gone. A brother of Lord Woiseley has invented a machine which will shear 140 seep in eight hours, and again hands have to give way to machinery.

A Brooki. Yn man has invented a torpedo

that after being set affoat rither on or below the surface of the water will "dive" on meeting an obstruction. It will travel for two miles at a rate of speed equal to ten miles an hour, and will soon be given a test by naval

WILLIAM PERRINS, of Owensborough, Ky., is blind and ingenious. The result of his affliction and his genius is a writing machine for the blind, which the boy has just perfected. It is said that a San Francisco firm has paid him \$5,000 for the right to manufacture and sell the machine in the United States.

POINTS ON FAMOUS POEMS. GRAT's immortal "Elegy" occupied him for seven years. BRYANT wrote "Thanatopsis" in the shade of a grand old forest—a fitting spot for such

Cowpen wrote one of the drollest and quaintest English ballads, "John Gilpin's Ride," when he was under one of those terrible fits of depression se common to

GENERAL LYLE wrote his beautiful com-position, "Antony and Cleopatra," which begins. "I am dying, Egypt, dying," on the night before his death. He had a premonition that he was going to die the next day.

THE noted poom, "The Falls of Niagara,"
was written by its author, J. G. C. Brainerd, the editor of a small paper in Connecticut, in fifteen minutes. He wrote it under

"AFTER THE BALL," the little poem which made the name of Nora Perry known in the world of letters, was jotted down on the back of an old letter, with no idea of the popularity it was to achieve in the pages of

Pos first thought of "The Bells" when walking the streets of Baltimore on a winter's night. He rang the beil of a lawyer's house (a stranger to him), walked into the gentleman's library, shut himself up and the next morning presented the lawyer with a copy of his celebrated poem.

a copy of his celebrated poem.

Thomas Moore, while writing "Lalla Rookh," spent so many months in reading up Greek and Persian works that he became an accomplished Oriental scholar, and people found it difficult to believe that its scenes were not penned on the spot instead of in a retired dwelling in Derbyshire.

"Old Grimes," that familiar "little felicity in verse," which caught the popular fancy as far back as 1823, was a sudden inspiration of the late Judge Albert G. Greene, of Providence, R. L. who found the first verse in a collection of old English hallads, and, enjoying its humor, built up the remainder of the poem in the same conceit. It is now definitely settled that the romantic incidents narrated in Whittier's "Barbara Fritchie" had little foundation in fact, but that the story chiefly emanated from the ferrite beste of the settle of the settle of the formance of the poem.

fact, but that the story chiefly emanated from the fertile brain of the popular novelist, Mrs. R. D. N. Southworth, is not generally known. That such was the case, bowever, we have Mr. Whittier's own assurance.

A COLLECTION OF CURIOS. A snixons nail was found in a perfectly

A DEER weighing 200 pounds broke into the office of the Indiana Central railroad at Cairo, Ill., recently. It was killed.

THE Baxter family, of Norwich, Conn., found a valuable diamond ring stowed away in the interior of their Thanksgiving turkey.

The champion economist of the nineteenth century lives in Fulton County, Ga. He has his socks and gloves made from his LITTLE Lizzie Rollins, born in Marne, Cass County, la., last week, has six grand-mothers, the oldest, her great-great-grandnother, being 97.

A cow broke into a Brooklyn oyster dealers' establishment last Monday night, and devoured eight quarts of raw oysters be

A watch lost by an Onio farmer two pears ago was found in the throat of one of his cows which had choked to death the other morning. She had found it in a straw

A CALF jumped on the pilot of a rapidly moving train on the Southern Pacific one day recently and rode nine miles till the car stopped. It then scampered off about its business.

A Key West fisherman captured a turtle weighing 1,600 pounds, the largest ever seen. The old fellow was broad enough on the back for six men to stand on him, and he could have floated off with a ton of coal. A woman living near Fort Worth, Tex., recently gave birth to a male child who had on its back the letters S T, formed of a growth of jet-black hair. The letters were about two inches high and perfectly made.

Sous hen's eggs that were accidentally covered up by some men plowing at Petay-luma, Cal., last summer, were hatched by the heat of the sun upon the earth, and the noise made by the chicks led to their discov-ery and release. A CITIZEN of New Ulm, Minn., owns a

horse which he considers an unerring weather prophet. He can always tell when a storm is coming by watching the animal's eyes, which change from a very light color to dark blue twenty-four hours before a change in the weather. A roon fisherman who plied his trade in a canoe on the Chalapo Lake, La, caught a big snake on his line, and on hauling it on

board, the reptile wound itself around the man's neck and strangled him to death. The canoe containing the corpse, with the snake still wound about the man's neck, was found the next day. A NOVEL wedding occurred on the boundary line between Virginia and West Virginia, near Doe Hill, the other day. The parties to be married belonged in West Vir-

ginia, and the minister, not having a license to marry in that State, stood on the "bor-ders of his land," while the contracting parties stood in West Virginia and were made man and wife in the presence of many witnesses. A says terrier in New York gave birth lately to one pup and soon after died. The pup was too young to drink milk and was in danger of starving. The young dog's master owned a cat that had seven kittens when the dog was born. All attempts to have the cat nurse the unfortunate canine with the kittens failed until the kittens were taken away, when the old cat at one took kindly to the pup and cared for it.

Ox Giade Mountain, West Virginia, resides perhaps the most peculiar family in the country. It is a family of coincidences. The father and mother were married on the 14th day of October; they have had nine children, all of whom were born on the 14th of October; five of the children are dead, and all five of them ceased to breathe on the 14th day of October. The name of the head of the family is Joshua Franklin. He says that he was a Confederate soldier; that he was captured twice by the Yankees, and that he lost two brothers in the war, and that all four of the mishaps or misfortunes of war occurred on the memorable 14th of October. In the neighborhood the Franklin family is regarded with superstition, and not a human being can be prevailed to stay either in the house or on the premises on either day or night on the 14th of October

RAILWAY RUMBLE.

RAILWAYS are said to consume more than one-half the world's production of iron, the car wheels required in the United States alone taking more than two million tons. THE largest continuous sleeping car service in the world is that on the Santa Fe system, which runs through sleepers from San Diego, Cal., to Chicago, a distance of 2,311

THE practice of running trains on the lefthand track is now being largely put in force by radroad corporations throughout the United States. The custom originated in England and affords the engineer a better and fuller view of the tracks ahead.

and fuller view of the traces about.

The Lehigh Valley railroad now has twelve trains equipped with telegraphic instruments for transmitting messages along the road while the trains are in motion. The system has been used with particular success by the wrecking trains on the road THE longest through car service of any railroad line in the world is said to be on the Southern Pacific road, between New Orleans and San Francisco, 2,495 miles. The fastest through train on the road is timed at 113 hours, 25 minutes, or at the rate of

22 miles an hour. At a certain hour every day-from five to six o'clock p. m.—from 40,000 to 50,000 per-sons leave New York City by railroad. Be-tween 40,000,000 and 50,000,000 persons enter and leave the city every year. Nearly 1,700 regular passenger trains enter and leave the depots of New York and her sister cities daily, exclusive of excursion trains. Ten years ago there were not 500.

A REMARKABLE invention is an electric car-brake recently devised by Edward Back us, of Rochester, N. Y. This brake, as its name indicates, is operated by electricity. It can be attached to any car in either freight or passenger service. By the use of a small galvanic battery and a wire run-ning the length of the train, both the con-ductor and engineer have full control of

A New York civil engineer has applied for a patent for a locomotive and tender, by which he claims be can make ninety-five miles an hour with ten coaches. The boller is rectangular in shape, having a large and permanent area of evaporating surface, supported by a great extent of heating surface, the pressure at its weakest points. The cylinders are in the rear of, instead of between the truck wheels, and the firebox is supported between the center of gravity of the driving wheels.

A DEVICE has been invented which en A DEVICE has been invented which enables the engineer, when in his cab, to turn a switch which can be closed again from the rear of the train. It is operated in connection with the "central-throw" switch and consists of a "shoe," which is dropped from the forward and rear trucks. This strikes a crank, which is overthrown and the switch closed or opened as the case may be. A switch left open carelessly may thus be closed by the locomotive while at high speed, or a train side-tracked quickly in case of danger.

FORTY-THREE per cent, or the entire population of Alabama who are ten years old and over can not read.

A 600, may not be warlike by nature, but she files to arms like a veteran. Is the women are to go to Congress let the women be married women. It won't to for us to be miss-represented.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

There are 7,000,000 negroes in the United States. In the South there are 16,000 colored school teachers. They have colleges, universities and seminaries, and are worth 42,000,000 in property.

Accompine to the latest estimates the population of the Territories is as follows: Dakota, 600,000; Utab, 210,000; New Mexico, 175,000; Washington, 167,983; Montana, 140,000; Idaho, 100,000; Wyoming, 85,000; Alaska, 49,850; Arizona, 92,680.

A STATISTICAL genius has figured out that this year's corn crop, 2,000,000,000 bushels, will load a string of wagons stretching 284,000 miles, or enough to make eleven rows of wagons, loaded with corn, clear round the earth and have 9,000 miles of teams not in line.

The metropolitan characteristics of the American people are noticeable in the following statistics: In 1790 one-thirtieth of our population was found in cities; in 1800, one-twenty-fifth; in 1830, one-twentieth; in 1850, one-eighth; in 1860, one-sixth; in 1880,

PRUSSIAN Statistics of insanity show that out of 100,000 of the population of each class there were mentally diseased among the married 95 men, 95 women; among the widowed 321 men, 256 women; among the divorced 1,071 men, 1,050 women.

both being silver certificates. Taking the royal British family together,

idents as salaries \$2,900,000.

Tus annual report of the life-saving service, for the year ending July 1, shows 222 life-saving stations in operation—170 on the Atlantic coast, 44 on the lakes, 7 on the Pacific, and 1 at the Ohio Falls, Louisville, Ky. Disasters during the year, 411; on board these vessels were 3,653 persons, of which only 12 were lost; 742 persons received succour; saved from wreck, \$7,776,405; number of vessels totally lost, 71. Cost of the service, \$228,000.

It has been estimated that an average of

Cost of the service, \$22,000.

It has been estimated that an average of five feet of water falls annually over the whole earth. Supposing that condensation takes place at an average height of 3,000 feet, the force of evaporation to supply such rainfall must equal the lifting of 322,000,000 pounds of water, 3,000 feet in every minute, or about 300,000,000 horse power constantly exerted. Of this great energy a very small part is transferred to the waters that run back through rivers to the sea, and a still smaller fraction is utilized by man; the remainder is dissipated in space.

DOMESTIC CONCERNS.

Use charcoal to broil with. The flames close the pores quickly and make the meat

but cooked fresh. A MIXTURE of equal parts of sweet oil and lime water, well shaken before applying, is said to be the best and quickest remedy for burns and scalds. It would be an excellent

IRONING holders are pretty when made of brown linen bound with scarlet braid and finished with a loop to hang by. If a letter is worked in red, it is an improvement. The holders should be made of thick material, and the covers of brown lines should be made to slip off to be washed when neces-

mashed potatoes, one of sugar, one of hop yeast and three eggs; mix all together. When light add half a cup of butter, one tablespoonful of ground cmnamon, and flour to make a stiff dough; let rise, make in small cakes and put in buttered pans. When light grease the tops with butter, sprinkle thickly with sugar and cinnamon; bake in

and stir it into one pint of boiling water. Stir occasionally while over the fire, and let it boil half an hour. Be very careful not to let it scorch. If it becomes too thick, add more water. Season with salt, sugar, iemon juice and grated nutmeg. A tiny piece of butter is an improvement, if it is not forbidden.

remove the fringe or "beard" and cut them in two. Fill the roll with the oysters, well mixed with the crumbs, add a bit of butter to each, put on the lids and set in the oven

to brown. Serve with tried bread crumbs

MUFFLING the throat is one sure way of courting tenderness and soarness of the

WARNTH and light are necessaries, not tuxuries, if one would make home attract-ive during the winter months.

THE ascent of a flight of stairs is accomplished with less fatigue by a person of weak lungs when a full breath is taken at the foot of the stairs and again at half the distance to the top.

When the babe is restless, a few teswhen the base is restless, a few da-spoonfuls of cold water often have a quieting effect; and a cloth wet in cold water ap-plied to the inflamed gums of teething chil-dren zives relief when other remedies fail.

It is generally known that repeated appli-cations of water (as hot as it can be borne) will drive away a ring-a-round or ordinary boil, though the swelling, which is nature's method for purifying the blood, is quite likely to come in some other part of the body.

BENEVOLENT BEQUESTS.

the Pope.

REBECCA F. ROBERTSON, of New York, left a bequest of a balf million dollars with which to establish a home in which the poor may enjoy a summer outing, free of expense. Thousands are dependent on charity for a breath of fresh air.

MRS. HARRIET M. PITMAN, of Bomerville, Mass., bequeathed \$1,500 to the Homeopethic Hospital of Boston, \$500 to the New England Hospital for Women and Children, \$500 to the Women's Educational and Industrial Union (one-half to be applied to the protective department), 1500 to the New rotective department), 7500 to the New

Mrs. ELIZABETE TABOR, of Marion, Mass., who died receasily, left a large number of good-sized bequests. Among the beneficiaries are the American Home Missionary Society, the Massachusetta Home Missionary Society, the American Beard, each to the extent of \$2,000; the Women's Board, \$1,000; Rev M. C. Julien's church and Sunday-school, New Bedford, \$2,000; Pissi Church (Acushact), New Bedford, Sunday-school and Sewing Society, \$6,500; Congregational church, Sanday-school and pulpit sumally Marion, \$20,000; Tabor Academy.

The secret service department during the last year captured #2,177,523 in counterfeit money, 85 plates, 40 dies, 46 molds and a large quantity of other counterfeiting paraphernalia. During the year only two counterfeit notes made their appearance, both being allers cartificates.

TAXING the royal British family together, it is found that the present sovereign, with her aunts and her numerous progeny, has cost the British nation about \$175,000,000. In the one hundred years of their national life, closing with the present Administration, the American people have paid Presidents as salaries \$2,900,000.

Pour brine down the sinkholes and there will be less hability of danger of pipes breaking from frost. WATER to be used for cooking purposes should never be left simmering and steam-ing in the kettle from one meal to another,

plan to keep a bottle on hand in case of

CINNAMON RUSKS.-Take one cup of

Indian meal gruel may be made palatable in this manner: Wet two tablespoonfuls of meal to a smooth paste with cold water,

OYSTER LOAVES.—With a pointed, sharp knife cut off the tops of some small round French rolls; scrape out the crumbs and fry them crisp in clarified butter; stew as many cysters as needed. First, however,

HELPFUL HINTS ON HEALTH. Fines are usually cheaper than doctor's

It is a penny wise and pound foolish kind of economy that induces one to go without warm underwear.

THE grease of well-smoked bacon mixed with spirits of turpentine applied to in-flamed giands about the neck of mother or afant will often reduce the swelling. Cover with flannel.

It is worth the while to test the virtue of this simple remedy for sick headache: Squeeze the juice of a lemon into half a glass of cold water and stir in a little bak-ing soda; drink during effervescence.

The absorbing power of cold water renders it an admirable purifier. At the freezing point a pail of water will absorb a quart of carbonic acid gas and several pints of ammoria. At a higher temperature its caracteristic less

The late Duchess of Galliera was very benevolent. In Paris she endowed a museum of art, an orphanage, a hospital for aged men and a house for the brethren of the Christian doctrine. She gave \$1,000,000 to the Paris.

MRS. ELIZABETH TABOR, of Marion, Mass.